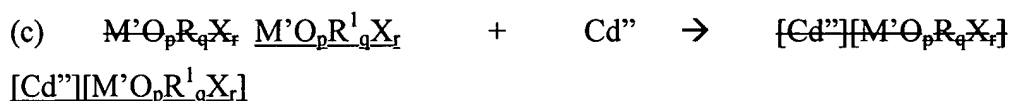


Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] The transition metal complex of the present invention is formed via reaction (c), which can be run in parallel with reactions (a) and (b). The transition metal complex is prepared by reacting an early transition metal compound with a cyclic diene compound (Cd''). Typical early transition metal compounds, according to the present invention, are represented by the formula $M'O_pR_qX_r$, $M'O_pR^1_qX_r$ where $[[R]]$ R^1 is alkyl, X is halogen, e.g, Cl, F or Br, and p, q, and r are numbers from 0 to 4, and M' is Ti, Zr, or V. Reaction (c) can be represented schematically:



Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] Mixing the transition metal-cyclic diene compound prepared in step (c) with magnesium complex prepared in step (b) yields the catalyst component of the present invention. Schematically, this is shown by:

